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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Address to:  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Application Number  
09/296,835  
Filing Date  
April 22, 1999  
First Named Inventor  
Ronald A. Weimer  
Group Art Unit  
2813  
Examiner Name  
E. Kielin  
Attorney Docket No.  
M4065.0319/P319

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 04-1073

- RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other Additional Claims \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 1,240.00 enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature			Date
			March 27, 2002

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